

1 may be in the years yet to come; but there is one safeguard,  
2 and that safeguard is the court. And in every instance  
3 where there has been any question, it is the courts that  
4 have made the final determination of whether or not this is  
5 a public purpose.

6 Let me give you one example. There isn't anybody  
7 in the central part of the State of Maryland around Balti-  
8 more City who is not aware of the tremendous need for a  
9 hospital in the area where many of the underprivileged  
10 live. We have at the present Provident Hospital, a pri-  
11 vately run ~~non-sectarian~~ -- when I say "privately run,"  
12 I mean it is not run by the State -- non-sectarian hospital,  
13 most of whose patients are Negroes, most of whose doctors  
14 are Negroes.

15 The hospital is utterly and completely incapable  
16 of taking care of the needs of the area that it serves.  
17 Private philanthropy is either being dried up or is not  
18 going in the areas that it used to a few years ago.

19 It is tough enough at the end of the year to pass  
20 the hat to maintain our private hospitals, but I tell you,  
21 it is next to impossible to obtain the funds with which